

## A NEW COMBINATION IN *HEDYOTIS* L. (RUBIACEAE)

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As a result of his continuing studies of *Houstonia*, Terrell (1985) proposed two new varietal combinations under *Houstonia nigricans*. These combinations are warranted if *Houstonia* is accepted as a distinct genus as Terrell contends (cf. Terrell 1959, 1975). Whether *Houstonia* should be recognized as a distinct genus or combined under *Hedyotis* is debatable. I feel that Fosberg (1941, 1941a, 1954), Shinnars (1949), and Lewis (1961, 1962) argue favorably for reducing *Houstonia* under *Hedyotis*. This is the position I have taken for the vascular flora of central Florida (Wunderlin 1982) and, unless convincing evidence is presented to the contrary, intend to maintain for the flora of Florida (in prep.). Thus, the following new combination in *Hedyotis* is required.

**HEDYOTIS NIGRICANS** var. **floridana** (Standley) Wunderlin, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Houstonia floridana* Standley, N. Amer. Fl. 32(1):36. 1918. *Hedyotis purpurea* var. *floridana* (Standley) Fosberg, Castanea 19:36. 1954. *Houstonia nigricans* var. *floridana* (Standley) Terrell, Phytologia 59:79. 1985.

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